AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the following Listing of the Claims, which replaces all previous claims, versions and listings thereof.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A substrate for a light emitting device, characterized in that the substrate comprises an electrically conductive transparent film which is in contact with at least one surface of a low refractive index member, and the low refractive index member has a refractive index greater than 1 and not greater than 1.30.

Claim 2 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the low refractive index member is made of an aerogel.

Claim 3 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the low refractive index member is made of a silica aerogel.

Claim 4 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the low refractive index member has two surfaces which are opposed to each other, and the electrically conductive transparent film is positioned on one of those surfaces and a transparent member is positioned on the other surface.

Claim 5 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the electrically conductive transparent film is made of at least one

material selected from the group consisting of indium-tin oxide, indium-zinc oxide, zinc-aluminum oxide, gold, silver, copper and chromium.

Claim 6 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 4, characterized in that the transparent member is made of a glass or a transparent resin.

Claim 7 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the low refractive index member is in the form of a thin film.

Claim 8 (Original) The substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the low refractive index member has been made hydrophobic.

Claim 9 (Original) A light emitting device which comprises a luminous layer and the substrate for the light emitting device according to claim 1, characterized in that the electrically conductive transparent film has the luminous layer on its one surface which is opposite to its other surface which has the low refractive index member thereon.

Claim 10 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 9, characterized in that the luminous layer is an organic EL layer.

Claim 11 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 9, characterized in that the luminous layer is an inorganic EL layer.

Claim 12 (Presently Amended) A light emitting device which comprises a luminous layer which is in contact with at least one surface of a low refractive index member of which refractive index is greater than 1 and not greater than 1.30.

Claim 13 (Original) A light emitting device comprising a low refractive index member of which refractive index is greater than 1 and not greater than 1.30 is located on a transparent member, and a luminous layer is located on a surface of the low refractive index member in the form of the thin film.

Claim 14 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 12, characterized in that the low refractive index member is made of an aerogel and preferably of a silica aerogel.

Claim 15 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 13, characterized in that the low refractive index member is made of an aerogel and preferably of a silica aerogel in the form of a thin film.

Claim 16 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 13, the transparent member is a plate and preferably a glass plate.

Claim 17 (Presently Amended) A light emitting device characterized in that it comprises a luminous layer located on a transparent member, and the luminous layer is made

of a low refractive index member in the form of a thin film which contains particles of a luminescent material dispersed therein or which carries such particles,

wherein the refractive index member has a refractive index which is greater than 1 and not greater than 1.30.

Claim 18 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 17, characterized in that the low refractive index is made of an aerogel and preferably of a silica aerogel.

Claim 19 (Original) The light emitting device according to claim 17, characterized in that the transparent member is in the form of a plate and preferably in the form of a glass plate.

Claim 20. (Original) The light emitting device according to any one of claims 12, 13 and 17 characterized in that the luminous layer of the light emitting device is a PL luminous layer or a layer which emits light by means of irradiation of an electron beam.

Claim 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (canceled).

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 12 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to correct the typographical error. This claim now properly recites "luminous layer". Support is found in the claims and specification as originally filed.

Claim 17 has been amended to require that the refractive index member has a refractive index of greater than 1 and not greater than 1.30. Support is found in the claims and specification as originally filed.

Claims 21 and 22, which are drawn to the non-elected invention, have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

No new matter is believed to be added by entry of the amendments. As such, entry and favorable consideration of the amendments are kindly requested. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-20 will be active and in condition for allowance.